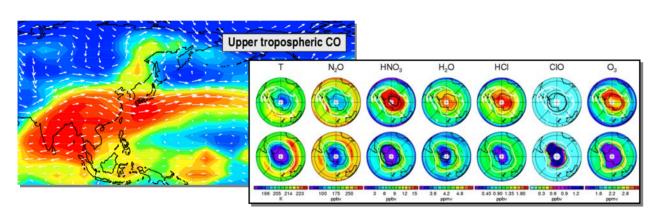
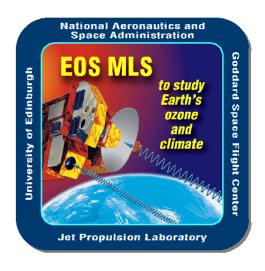
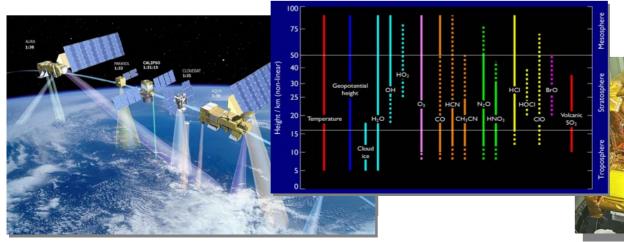
Aura Science Team Meeting Microwave Limb Sounder Overview



Nathaniel Livesey on behalf of the MLS team











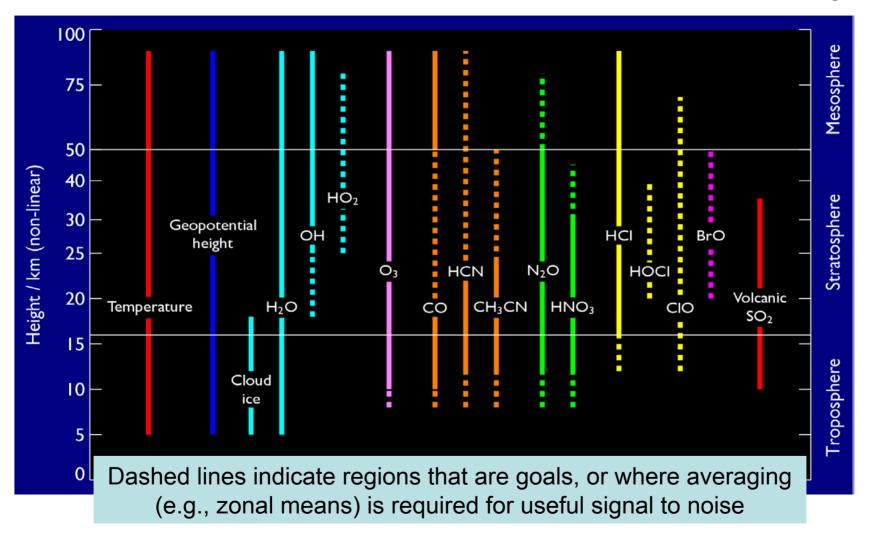
New addition to the MLS team at JPL

- ➤ Last year, Joe Waters stepped down as MLS Principal Investigator
- ➤ However, we have since added a new key player to the MLS team...



Soccer superstar David Beckham joins MLS team in Los Angeles!

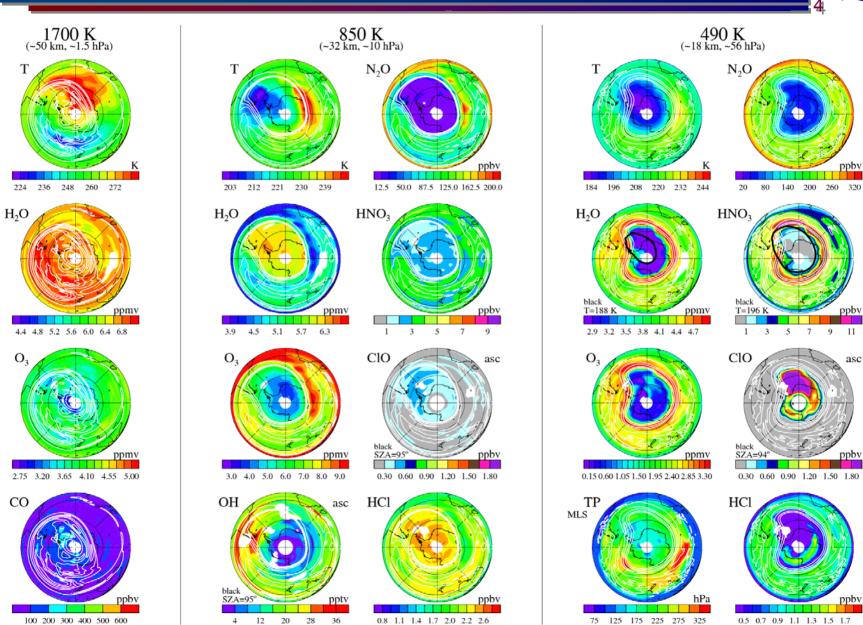




- > All MLS data are publicly available from GSFC DISC (formerly DAAC)
- > The latest version of MLS data is v2.2

MLS strat. observations, 16 Sep. 2007





MLS version 2.2 data processing progress



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Green boxes show days processed to v2.2 to date

Planning soon to upgrade to new 'v2.22' software (~2x faster)

Reprocessing should finish around Spring 2008

MLS v2.2 val. papers & quality document



Manuscripts led by MLS team:

Froidevaux et al.: HCI

Froidevaux et al.: Strat. / mes. O_3 Jiang, Y. et al.: O_3 sonde and lidar

Kovalenko et al.: BrO

Lambert et al.: Strat. / mes. H₂O & N₂O

Livesey et al.: UT/LS CO and O₃

Manney et al.: Non-coincident validation

Pickett et al.: OH and HO₂

Pumphrey et al.: Strat. / mes. CO

Read et al.: UT/LS H₂O

Santee et al.: CIO

Santee et al.: HNO₃

Schwartz et al.: Temperature & GPH

Wu et al.: Cloud ice

Manuscripts led by others:

Barnes et al.: Raman Lidar and MLS H₂O Boyd et al.: O₃ and ground-based μwave

Coffey et al.: Airborne FTS

Connor et al.: CIO and grnd-based µwave Considine et al.: Non-coincident validation

Feng et al.: O₃ ECMWF assimilation Lary et al.: Satellite HCl comparison

Nedoluha et al.: H₂O, ground-based μwave

Petropavlovskikh et al.: O₃ and CAFS

Schoeberl et al.: OMI – trajectory MLS O₃

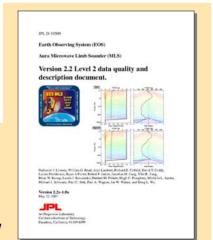
Stajner et al.: O₃ assimilation

Vömel et al.: Sonde H₂O

Yang et al.: OMI-MLS O₃

The v2.2 data quality document is a comprehensive reference for product-by-product screening rules, estimated accuracies and validation summaries

http://mls.jpl.nasa.gov/



MLS plans for 'near-real-time' data



> MLS O₃ has been assimilated into several state-of-the-art models

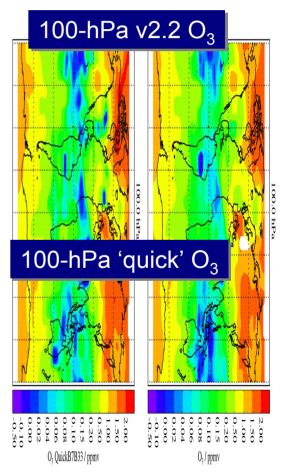
GMAO – Ivanka Stajner NOAA – Craig Long

ECMWF – Liang Feng UK Met. Office – David Jackson

NRL – Karl Hoppel (also Temperature)

➤ Many of these organizations would like to include 'near-real-time' MLS data in operational systems

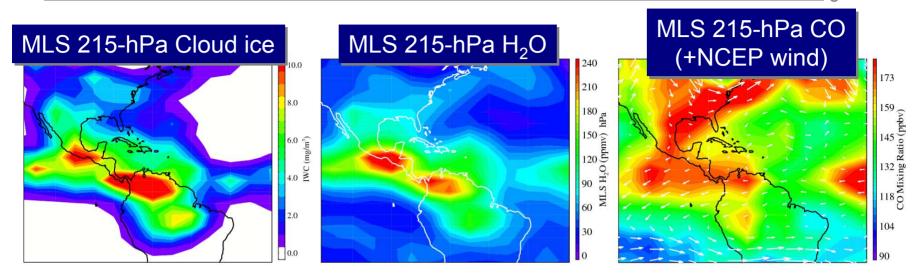
➤ Initial development of this is underway, with a goal of having a prototype in place for ARCTAS



See Alyn Lambert's poster for more information

MLS observations during TC⁴ campaign

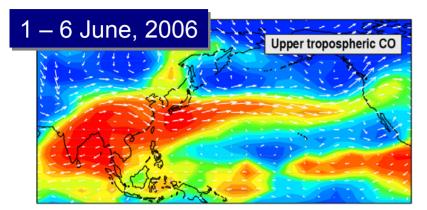


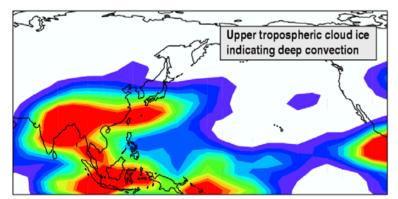


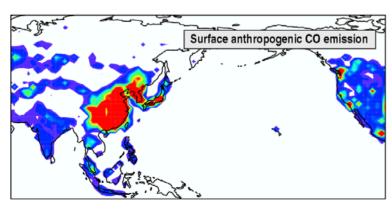
- ➤ Maps show MLS 215-hPa observations during the 15 21 July phase of TC⁴
 - Influences of convection and long-range transport on CO clearly seen
- ➤ During the TC⁴ campaign, part of the MLS 640-GHz subsystem shut down
 - Probably due to a radiation-induced Single Event Upset
 - The affected period was 14 July to 9 August
- ➤ During this time MLS did not measure HCl, BrO, HO₂ or HOCl
 - 190-GHz data are available for CIO and N₂O, in lieu of 640-GHz products
- All other products were unaffected

Impact of convection on upper trop. CO

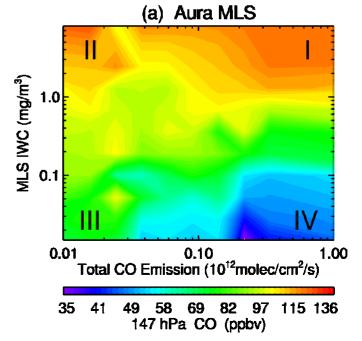








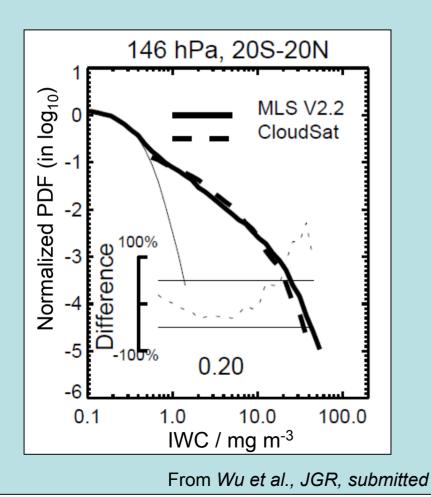
- CO in the upper troposphere is influenced by a combination of surface emissions, convective lofting and horizontal transport
- ➤ Plot shows MLS 147 hPa CO for 09/04–09/06, binned by emissions and MLS cloud ice (indicating convection)



From Jiang (Jonathan) et al., GRL, in press



- Statistical approaches have been a major focus of MLS cloud ice validation
- ➤ Plot compares PDFs of July 2006 MLS and CloudSat cloud ice water content

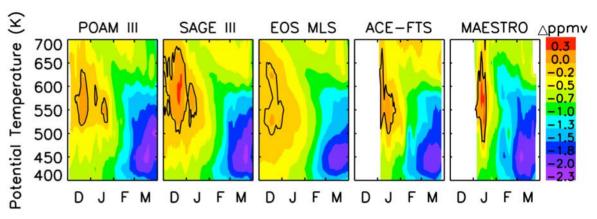


MLS Annual mean 146 hPa cloud ice ECMWF analysis cloud ice ECMWF 10 day forecast cloud ice From J.-L. (Frank) Li et al., GRL, 2007

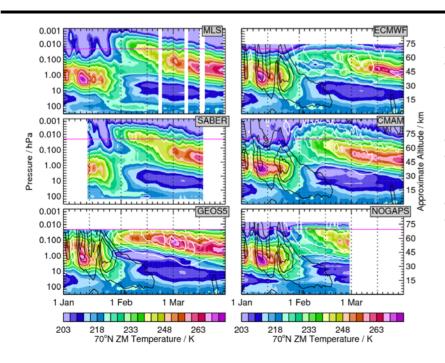
Stratospheric and mesospheric studies



- ➤ MLS data used to quantify Arctic chemical O₃ loss, discounting changes in O₃ due to transport
- ➤ Daily variations in MLS O₃ compared to 'passive O₃' tracer from SLIMCAT



From Singleton et al., JGR, 2007



- MLS daily global US/LM temperature data give new insight into stratopause evolution during major warmings
- ➤ Analyses fail to capture stratopause reformation at ~0.01 hPa
- ➤ NOGAPS model, which assimilates MLS temperatures, shows better agreement than other analyses

- > The MLS instrument continues to operate well
- ➤ Version 2.2 reprocessing is expected to be complete in Spring 2008
 - All MLS data are publicly available from the GSFC DISC
 - The many validation papers and the v2.2 quality document provide important information for MLS data users
- A 'near-real-time' data processing capability is planned for selected products
- Goals for future product improvements include:
 - Eliminating or reducing the factor of ~2 high bias in 215 hPa CO
 - Extending O₃, CO, H₂O and HNO₃ retrievals lower in the troposphere
 - Better handling of cloud signatures and joint cloud / chemistry retrievals
 - Retrievals of some new species (e.g., stratospheric CH₃CI)
- MLS data are being used in a wide variety of scientific studies
 - ~75 peer reviewed papers published or in press to date